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Mr. Julius Epstein

Dear Mr. Epstein:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, who is away on an extended trip, may I acknowledge your letter of September 14.

We will bring your letter to Mr. Dulles' attention upon his return.

Sincerely,

Assistant to the Director

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September 14, 1956

Mr. Allen Dulles  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
2430 E Street, N.W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

A few months ago, I suggested in a letter to the editor which appeared in the Washington Post & Times-Herald, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the New York World Telegram and Sun~~d~~ and which was reprinted in the Congressional Record that an AMERICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ERECTION OF A KATYN MEMORIAL IN WARSAW be formed with Arthur Bliss Lane as President.

That Committee should have the task to interest the American people in a national gift to the Polish people in form of an Katyn Memorial which the Warsaw Government has never dared to erect. Ambassador Lane was delighted and wrote me that he would form this Committee with himself as Chairman.

Unfortunately Mr. Lane died a few weeks ago. I now feel, that Arthur Lane left me a moral heritage and that it is my duty to carry out his will as expressed in many letters to me.

The importance of the project in respect to our psychological war is self-evident. You'll certainly understand the tremendous implications of the plan, even if the Warsaw Government should deny permission to erect such a Memorial in Warsaw.

I'm writing to you as an old member of Arthur Lane's AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF THE KATYN MASSACRE, INC. of which I was the Executive Secretary.

Wouldn't you be kind enough to help me to set up the Katyn Memorial Committee?

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A few weeks ago I wrote the enclosed letter to Khrushchev and had it signed by six Congressmen who all were members of the Congressional Committee To Investigate the Katyn Forest Massacre. I also mailed the letter to Khrushchev and released it to the press.

Radio Free Europe just tells me that they are going to print about 1 to 2 million leaflets with the text of the letter in Polish for their balloon operation. Of course, it takes a long time for them to carry out this plan.

I also suggested to the Voice of America and to Radio Free Europe to invite Mr. Podkowinski the correspondent of TRYBUNA LUDU, Warsaw, who is now in the U.S. to participate in a discussion of Katyn. Even if he should refuse it, it would be a very good item to be used by our propaganda media.

Very sincerely yours,

*Julius Epstein*  
Julius Epstein.

Enclosure.

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D. C.**

July 26, 1956

Mr. Nikita S. Khrushchev  
THE KREMLIN  
Moscow, USSR

Sir:

The undersigned former Members of the SELECT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE FACTS, EVIDENCE, AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE KATYN FOREST MASSACRE take the liberty to ask you why you have not yet admitted Stalin's and Beria's guilt in the Katyn massacre of 4,243 Polish officers in the Spring of 1940, the massacre which turned out to be the greatest military crime in modern history.

The printed record of the investigation of the Katyn massacre, carried out by our committee comprises 2,437 pages, the testimony of 103 witnesses and 229 exhibits.

No other crime in history has ever been the object of such long and thorough parliamentary investigation as the Katyn Forest Massacre.

The result of that investigation was the establishment of the fact — beyond the shadow of any doubt — that the Katyn massacre as well as the murder of another 11,000 Polish officers on Soviet soil, was the work of the NKVD. Our investigating congressional committee arrived unanimously at this verdict.

Since you have already rightfully blamed Stalin and Beria for so many crimes, the non-Soviet world is at a complete loss to understand why you did not include the Katyn Forest massacre in your list of crimes committed by Stalin and Beria. There is no crime of Stalin's which has ever been proved so meticulously and so completely documented.

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Mr. Nikita S. Khrushchev  
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There is no doubt in the minds of the undersigned that your admission of Stalin's and Beria's guilt in this crime would render a great service to the cause of the truth. You would only admit what the non-Soviet world has already known for a considerable time.

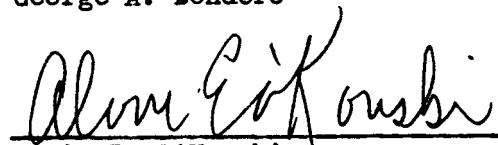
We, the former Members of the American Congressional Committee To Investigate the Katyn Forest Massacre, trust and hope, Sir, -- and with us the whole non-Soviet world -- that you will no longer deprive the Soviet people of the truth which can easily be found in the seven volumes and two special reports, published by our committee in 1951 and 1952.

We remain with the expression of our high esteem,  
Sir,

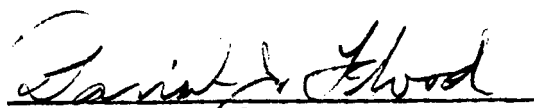
Very truly yours,

  
Ray J. Madden, Chairman

  
George A. Wondero

  
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